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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION

REF: (A) USUN 8996, (B) USUN 1383, (C) GENEVA 3003, (D) STATE
98224, (E) GENEVA 3838, (F) GENEVA 3623, (G) STATE 114849

1. MISSION IS FORWARDING BY AIR POUCH TO THE DEPARTMENT
(DERIAN AND HEWITT) UNDER REGISTRY NOS. 2616041 AND 2616042,
NOTES ON THE MEETING (DISCUSSED REF E) BETWEEN
VAN BOVEN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION; SANON,
DEPTY DIRECTOR; JAY LONG, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO UNDERSECRETARY
GENERAL BUFFUM; AND OFFICERS OF THE SECTION ON PREVENTION
OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES. ALSO BEING
POUCHED ARE THE SUMMARY VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE TOTAL HUMAN
RIGHTS DIVISION DURING A WEEK-LONG EVALUATION OF THE HUMAN
RIGHTS DIVISION, MAY 9-14.

2. MEETINGS WERE HELD TO BRIEF VAN BOVEN ON THE WORK OF
THE DIVISION, ACQUAINT HIM WITH THE STAFF, AND ALSO TO GET
STAFF OPINIONS AND IDEAS FOR IMPROVING WORK OF THE HUMAN
RIGHTS OFFICE. GATHERINGS ALSO PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR VAN BOVEN AND SANON TO FLOAT SOME OF THEIR REORGANIZA-
TION PLANS AND GET STAFF REACTIONS. JAY LONG ATTENDED ALL
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MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK.

3. THE NOTES VERIFY AS DISCUSSED (REF E) THAT A REORGANIZATION IS
CONTEMPLATED (PAGE 3, PARA 16, AFTERNOON MEETING OF DISCRIMINATION
SECTION AND PAGE 2, PARA 23 OF SUMMARY VIEWS). MOST STAFF FEEL THE
CHANGE IS IMMINENT. ON THE OTHER HAND ONE OF THE SOVIETS (RESHETOV)
EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT

RESTRUCTURING WILL BE DELAYED BECAUSE AS THE PLAN NOW STANDS
THE TWO APPROVAL COMMITTEES IN NEW YORK WHICH ARE COMPOSED OF SOME
MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMISSION WILL REJECT THE PROPOSAL.
COMMENT: THIS COULD BE THE SOVIET VIEW OF THE MATTER.
END COMMENT.

4. MISSION WILL RAISE ISSUES OF U.S. EMPLOYEES IN HUMAN
RIGHTS DIVISION WITH VAN BOVEN MAY 25 WHEN HE PAYS COURTESY
VISIT TO MISSION. WILL ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT CRAWFORD BE
CONSIDERED FOR COVENANT POST AS REQUESTED REF G.

5. AT SOME FUTURE DATE THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO RAISE
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE USE OF SPECIAL RAPORTEURS BY HUMAN
RIGHTS DIVISION, AN ISSUE RAISED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE NOTES.
MISSOFF WAS INFORMED THAT FEW STUDIES ARE RESEARCHED AND
DRAFTED BY THE RAPORTEURS. IN THE CASE OF THE STUDY ON
ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES...RAPORTEUR KHALIFA (EGYPT) INSISTED
THAT NO WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION STAFF BE PERMITTED
TO WORK ON THE PAPER. THE SERVICES OF A JORDANIAN NATIONAL
OF PALESTINIAN ORIGIN WERE PROVIDED.

6. MAZAUD, HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION SECRETARIAT IS FEARFUL
THAT NOTES OF THESE MEETINGS WILL FALL INTO THE HANDS OF
COMMISSION MEMBERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION STAFF WILL
BE IN DIFFICULTY PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCES TO CHARTER
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